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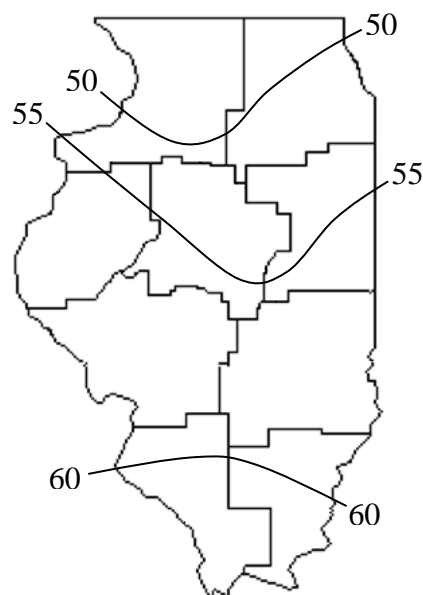
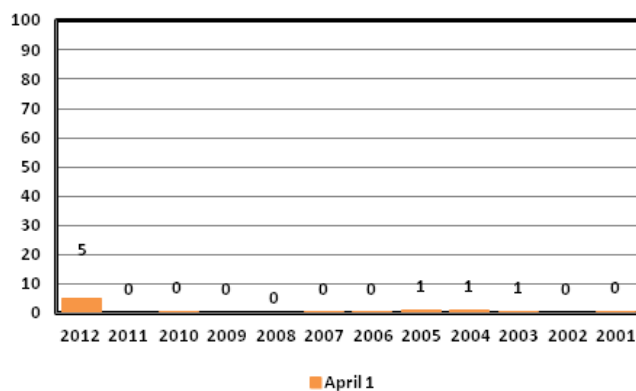
Agricultural Summary

The warm and dry weather continued throughout the state last week. Statewide temperatures averaged 57.7 degrees, 10.9 degrees above normal. Total precipitation averaged 0.29 inches, 0.64 inches below normal. As a result of the weather patterns, soil temperatures are warm enough for planting and the majority of farmers have completed their pre-planting fieldwork. Most are waiting on the "go date" for their area to arrive but many have at least some corn in the ground. Corn planting progress reached five percent statewide last week. Last year at this time corn planting was not yet underway. Oats planted reached 70 percent. Topsoil moisture was rated at 2 percent very short, 29 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated at 5 percent very short, 34 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions are now rated at 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
April 1				
CORN:				
Planted	5	1	0	0
OATS:				
Planted	70	44	20	14

Corn - Percent Planted Illinois

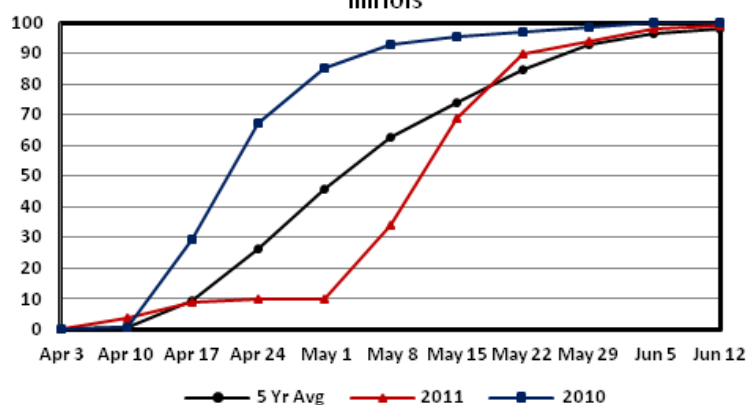


Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 1 8 a.m.

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 26-April 1					April 1			
Northwest	4.9	-	24	76	-	-	32	68	-
Northeast	5.9	-	5	95	-	-	5	95	-
West	6.5	13	56	31	-	17	57	26	-
Central	6.0	3	36	57	4	5	40	50	5
East	5.6	1	47	52	-	6	48	46	-
W Southwest	5.5	1	26	67	6	10	35	55	-
E Southeast	5.2	3	19	63	15	3	26	64	7
Southwest	6.4	-	-	81	19	-	60	40	-
Southeast	5.5	-	-	73	27	-	-	75	25
State	5.6	2	29	64	5	5	34	58	3

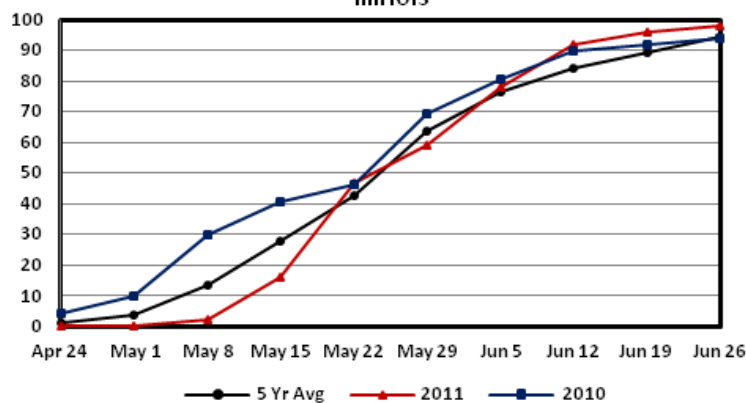
Corn - Percent Planted

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Soybeans - Percent Planted

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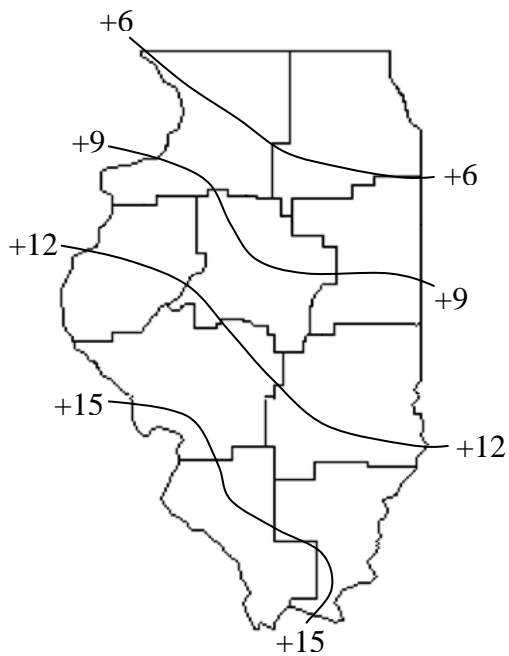


Crop Condition Percents

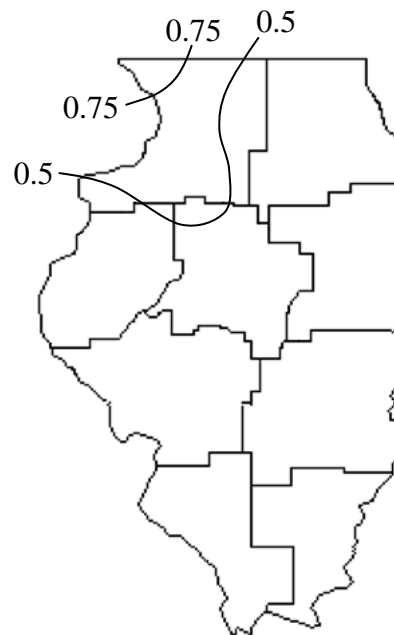
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	April 1				
Winter Wheat	1	3	18	58	20
Alfalfa	1	2	14	67	16
Pasture	1	2	15	65	17

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 26 - April 1				
Northwest	50.7	7.4	0.56	-0.22
Northeast	48.5	5.3	0.33	-0.47
West	59.3	12.7	0.20	-0.62
Central	56.1	10.1	0.44	-0.35
East	54.4	8.8	0.34	-0.51
W Southwest	61.9	13.7	0.16	-0.69
E Southeast	60.6	11.9	0.23	-0.78
Southwest	65.6	15.2	0.13	-1.15
Southeast	65.0	14.2	0.16	-1.19
State	57.7	10.9	0.29	-0.64



Temperature (°F) Departure
March 26 - April 1



Precipitation (in.) Total
March 26 - April 1

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